

# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 11, 2012 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 5, 2012 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held November 27, 2012 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 27, 2012 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they are working on bridges and cutting trees. The board told Tom that they had received phone calls stating concerns about the roads being graded when it is so dry. Tom said they are doing the main roads and that they need to keep some material on the roads to ward off problems when we do get moisture. The large truck traffic is beating the base out of the roads so a little maintaining now will save a lot of money when we do get moisture.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to open the public hearing for water easement in Harvard Township at 9:18 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich II, highway supt. was present; no other persons were present to discuss this matter; no written or oral comments or objections were received.

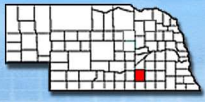
During the time the hearing was open, two easement requests for electric lines were discussed.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the easement requested by Sarah Miller for an electric line across Road 322 from the NW ¼ Sec. 19-T8N-R6W to SW ¼ Sec. 18-T8N-R6W for an electric irrigation well — agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement requested by Don Rein Griess for an electric line across Road V from the SW ¼ Sec. 21-T8N-R5W to SE ¼ Sec. 20-T8N-R5W for electricity for yard well. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to close the public hearing at 9:23 A.M. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

The easement requested by Gregory Schuck for a water line was discussed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the easement requested by Gregory Schuck for a water line across Road 321 from the NW ¼ Sec. 27-T8N-R7W to SW ¼ Sec. 22-T8N-R7W



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to irrigate a pivot corner —agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

At 9:45 A.M. the County Board opened cash rent bids on the E ½ Sec. 5-T6N-R6W, as advertised in the Clay County News and Hastings Tribune. Dustin Corman was present. There were four bids submitted and opened. Justin Brodrick bid \$368,640.00 three year total; Dustin Corman/JD Farms Partnership bid \$412,920.00 three year total; Brian J. Kohmetscher bid \$300,000.00 three year total and Lorraine Hofmann & Bradley Hofmann bid a total of \$448,000.00 for the three years.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Shaw to accept the cash rent bid of \$448,000.00 for a 3 year lease on the E ½ Sec. 5-T6N-R6W, Marshall Township from Lorraine & Bradley Hofmann for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 crop years ; rent payable on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the three years. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Janice Stratman, County Treasurer told the board she would be retiring on June 30, 2013 at the end of the current fiscal year. Janice recommended the appointment of Sharon Lavene the current deputy Treasurer to finish her term.

Since there were openings on the agenda, the evaluations scheduled for the afternoon were moved up. Janis Johnson was unable to meet at this time so was rescheduled for next meeting.

Loren Uden, Bruce Rumsey, Barb Barnett, Tom Roemmich II and Travis Songster all met with the board for their evaluations.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2012: County Clerk, \$16,741.25, County Court \$11,142.63, Clerk of District Court, \$5,235.33, County Treasurer receipts #12110001 thru #12110061 in the amount of \$134,750.30. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

The board was reminded that the next (and last) meeting for the month is December 21, 2012; the date changes were decided in September.

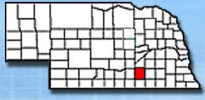
Names for re-appointments to the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to re-appoint Andrew Leichter, Keith Johnson and Lyn Waegli to the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission for three year terms beginning January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the changes to the Employee Handbook that were recommended by the Handbook Committee. Ted has prepared a policy for the personal use of county owned vehicles but his recommendation is not to allow county owned vehicles to be used for anything other than county business. Ted will continue working on a policy.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for December 21, 2012. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman



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